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TITLE OF INVENTION: FAN RATED JUNCTION BOX ASSEMBLY

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Application No.

10/723,122

Examiner

DHIRU R PATEL

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/26/03, 4/26/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 26 November 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 0404
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 0404
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Primary Examiner
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Part III DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Auzville Jackson on 4/26/2004.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

1 (Amended). A fan rated junction box assembly comprising:

a top wall having a top surface, a bottom surface, and apertures therein;

a plurality of side walls extending from said bottom surface of said top wall and defining an open cavity therein, said side walls terminating in a planar bottom rim, each of said side walls including an outer surface;

a portion of at least one of said side walls bent at a right angle into said cavity and forming a ledge above said bottom rim;

a threaded bore in said ledge, said bore in said ledge defining a first screw holder;

a first screw threadedly engaged in said first screw holder;

opposing slots in two of said side walls located in such a manner that a line centered through said slots divides said bottom rim into symmetrical halves;

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two right angle support members having a first and a second leg;
said first leg secured to said outer surface of two of said side walls;
said second leg extending through said slots and having at least one threaded bore therein, said threaded bore in said second leg defining a second screw holder; and
a second screw threadedly engaged in said second screw holder.

In claim 10 line 2, change "side wall" to -- side walls-.

In claim 14 line 1, change 1 to-- 13--.

16 (Amended). A method of mounting a ceiling-mounted electrical device to an overhead structure including the steps of providing a fan-rated junction box having a top wall with apertures therein, a plurality of side walls each having an outer surface, an open cavity defined by said top wall and said side walls, a bottom rim, a ledge formed by a portion of at least one of said side walls bent at a right angle into said cavity, first threaded screw holders in said ledge, first screws threadedly engaged in said first screw holders, slots in two of said side walls, two right angle support members each having a first leg secured to said outer surface of two of said side walls and a second leg extending through said slots, second threaded screw holders in said second legs, a second screw threadedly engaged in said second screw holder;
locating a suitable overhead support for said fan-rated junction box;
placing said fan-rated junction box against said overhead support;

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drilling pilot holes into said overhead support at locations corresponding to said apertures in said top wall; removing said first screws from said first screw holders in said ledge; repositioning said first screws to said apertures in said top wall; driving said first screws through said apertures in said top wall and completely into said overhead support to secure said box to said overhead support; removing said second screws from said second screw holders; providing a ceiling-mounted electrical device having a mounting ring with apertures and wiring leads therein; placing said mounting ring against said bottom rim such that said apertures in said mounting ring are in alignment with said threaded [bores] holders in said second legs; driving said second screws through said apertures in said mounting ring and partially into said second screw holders to temporarily hold said electrical device to said box; completing electrical wiring between supply wiring and said wiring leads to said electrical device; and driving said second screws completely into said second screw holders to secure said electrical device to said box.

17 (Amended). A fan rated junction box assembly comprising:
a top wall; a plurality of side walls extending from said top wall and terminating in a bottom rim defining a plane; a portion of at least one of said side walls bent at a right angle and forming a ledge above said bottom rim; a threaded bore in said ledge, said threaded bore in said ledge defining a first screw holder; a first screw temporarily engaged in said first screw holder; opposing slots in two of said side walls;

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two right angle support members having a first and a second leg; said first leg secured to one of said side walls; said second leg extending through said slots and having at least one threaded bore therein, said threaded bore in said second leg defining a second screw holder; a second screw temporarily engaged in said second screw holder; and said first and said second screws completely enclosed within said top wall, said side walls, and said plane of said bottom rim.

In claim 18 line 2, change "wall" to --walls--.

In claim 19 line 3, change "wall" to --walls--.

Allowable Subject Matter

3: The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The primary reasons for the indication of the allowability of claims 1-20 are the inclusion therein, in combination as currently claimed, of the limitation of two right angle support members having a first and a second leg; said first leg secured to said outer surface of two of said side walls; said second leg extending through said slots and having at least one threaded bore therein (for claims 1-15), two right angle support members having a first and a second leg; said first leg secured to one of said side walls; said second leg extending through said slots and having at least one threaded bore therein (for claims 17-120), and claim 16 is method counter part of product claim 1.

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The previously listed limitations are neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Other prior art cited

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kerr, Reiker, McEwen, Gretz, Gretz, Gretz, and Gretz disclose a box similar to applicant's claimed invention.

Contact information

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dhuru Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272 - 1983. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays- Thursdays from 6:30 am to 4:00 pm. The fax number for this Group is 703-872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2800 EXT 31.

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